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A Bad Ontlook for Millionaires. Away back in the early seventies little Charlie Ross was kidnaged in Germantown, Pa. The distinguished burglar, Mr. Mosher, also of Pennsylvania, is believed to have been the principal in the enterprise. He demanded twenty thousand dollars ransom for the boy, and the money was raised: but owing to the objections of the Philadelphia police, it was never paid, and there is much reason to believe that Char-lie Ross was dropped overboard from a sloop in New York Harbor and that his murderers were killed in an attempt to rob the residence of Judge Van Brunt at

The attitude of the kidnaped child's father undoubtedly cost the former's life, but there is no doubt that it also postponed the development of kidnaping as an infant industry entitled to protection for a whole generation. Where Christian K. Ross acted as a deterrent, Mr. Cudshy, the eminent pork cut-Omaha, appears as a promoter. His de-scent from the perch with twenty-five thousand dollars in gold in a bag, almost, thousand dollars in gold in a bag, almost, thousand the drop of the hat.

Pauncefote Treaty as amended and rating by the Senate. Mr. Lodge and other An-glophites admit that it constitutes a firm partnership between this country and partnership between this country and partnership between the control of the watersaying that during the next five years to the other fact that it forever bars the there will be less than ten or a dozen United States from acquiring territory in division of goods acquired through mo- colony. nopoly, and, in that sense, it will tend What the Senate really has done is to give to put more money in circulation than, otherwise, might be extant. But it is sad lordship of any canal we may ever build to think of the nervous terror that may be ween the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; are about to be abandoned. The experi-be inflicted upon innocent children, and of and, hence, the domination of what will be the anguish that may come to desolated the most important hundred and fifty Talbot, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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quent doctor is an adept in the science ly expensive. of tuft-hunting, and if he can get together a conglomeration of people who have their names in the newspapers, and make them all say something or do something for the public entertainment, he is perfeetly happy. It was far from satisfactory to him, then, to see these two celebrities sitting by themselves on a sofa and enjoying a pleasant little chat. His notion was that they ought to be wound up and made to go. He says:

"I had always been desirous of hearing Mr. Bryant read one of his poems. I had attended the Bryant meeting a year or two before in Chickering Hall, New York eity—a meeting at which the music was good and the speaking good, but there was a great lack in it of William Cultrus Bryant himself. His speech of response was only about three minutes, while he spent all the rest of the evening in doing nothing except keeping silence and looking venerable. I thought. Why does not somebody think of asking the glorious old man to come forward and read his forest Hymn," or 'Lines to a Waterfowl,' or the 'Death of the Flowers? But no such thing happened. On the evening at my house I resolved that no such omission should be repeated. I sprung my stratagem on him in the most unexpected moment. Mr. Tupper, at our request had read a selection from his own poems, and read them well. Turning to our American poet, I said: 'Mr. Bryant, I have always wanted to hear you read. I have it here in Griswold's compilation, will you grant us the great favor of reading it?" '

host, made in so public a manner, and there was nothing for it but to read the poem-which he had not even been given poem—which he had not even been given the liberty of choosing—in as dignified and graceful a manner as possible. Meanwhile, the author of the "stratagem" sat back in his easy-chair, and patted himbar the sentence authorities will spare effort or expense to punish the crime.

self, and beamed. The spectacle must have been rather a pathetic one to some of the guests who were present. It is safe to say that Mr. Bryant concluded after this experience that if he could not,

stop going out at all. are distinctly unwilling to allow anyone to take his enjoyment quietly. They must keep things moving; no one must be allowed to talk too long with anyone else; everyone must contribute something to the plation of The Times for the week end

to much in the way of abregating the first. But Administration Senators, and the Administration press are apparently anxious to make the country think that a great deal has been accomplished in removing the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty as an obstruc

tion to the Nicaragua Canal. Far from that being the truth, the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty in its most vicious We do not think that we exaggerate in way. They are not so frank in referring multi-millionaires' children missing and Central America, while England, in open Torpedo Boats to Use Coal as Fuel unaccounted for all the time. This is a and impudent violation of the Claytonhorrible prospect. It will result in the Bulwer Treaty, has there established a

miles of our whole coast line. The Amer-We are compelled, however, to regard ican element in the Senate made an un-

of heaven seems to be a place where peo-ple "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." to make Treodore Roosevelt as lonescent as he was in Cuba. It provides that Vice Another titing that is pleasant about Presidents shall have twenty-five thousand heaven, to his mind, is that so many dis- dollars a year and Cabinet officers fifteen tinguished people are there, for the elo- thousand. We are getting to be extreme

The news from South Africa is more un favorable to the British than it has been for some time. The worst fears have been realized in relation to a rising in Cape Colony. The invading Boers have been joined by large numbers of Cape Colony Dutch, and the prospects for a hot campaign are so excellent, it is now admitted in London that Lord Kitchener has called for heavy re-enforcements, which the British War Office is trying to get to him with | The Campania, while not experiencing the

A Pitiable Thing.

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(From the Providence Journal.)

The International Navigation Company is making a vigarous attempt to gain Congressional sanction for a raid on the Treasury in its behalf, and it seems to hage the aid of the Administration in its attempt; but it is sacrificing its prestige every day it keeps up the fight. Perhaps the most pitieble thing about it is that Senators with the mental force of Messrs. Allison. Aldrich, and Hoar will doubtiess vote for this bill because the Administration (that is. Senator Hanna) wishes it. It seems incredible that such gentlemen can honestly havor such a permicious measure, so dangerous in itself and so alarming as a procedent.

Paramount Authority. (From the Portland Argus.)

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Bryant was embarrassed, and blushed and stammered, but, as the triumphant doctor plainly intimates, he was trapped. He could not refuse the request of his host, made is so public a manner and policies.

The Rockport Lynching

RETIREMENTS IN THE NAVY. Many to Be Enforced to Make Room

on the List. There will be next June a large number at the age of seventy-eight, attend a so- of enforced retirements in the navy, escaptain. The highest ranking officer re- en careful study to these schemes.

everyone must contribute something to the pleasure of the evening, whether he wants to or not. It is something like the old-fashioned Methodist class meeting, at which the young convert was made to feel like a coward and a shirk if too timid to rise and recount glibly and eloquently his "spiritual experiences." Nowadays, most people realize that when one has real spiritual experiences one is generally shy of discussing them in a large assemblage; but it is not quite so generally recognized that when society becomes a duty it ceases to be a pleasur; to anybody.

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The essence of a "good time," of genuine enjoyment, is spontaneity, and to insist on dragging people into conversation when they would rather be let alone is the reverse of hospitality. There are, perhaps, not many hosts who would compliancently arrange and recount with satisfaction such a happening as the one above described, but the same sort of thing, in a less extreme form, is not as uncommon as it ought to be.

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The Anglo-American Sendon of the Personnel act. Few naval officers die and none seem to resign, so that to create the flow desired it will be necessary to retire, perhaps, a dozen lieutenant commanders. There is no great injustice worked to this class, however, as all secure the rank and pay prizes, and an advantage which one person may obtain over another may also fishe grade on giving up the

seemed no other way, however, of mak-ling promotion in the higher grades quick-er and surer, although in many instances officers so mustered out are thoroughly

THE OIL TEST A FAILURE.

Hereafter. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-The Department for several months has been experimenting with two burners in the hope of obtaining a higher speed in torpedo boats from oil than from coal, but these tests

Yesterday J. A. B. Smith, Chief of the Steam Engineering Department, said that

these, the Beaver, to act as a trial horse.

The Beaver raced for the cup in the last contest and is extremely fast, although she lost to the Genesee.

At the recent meeting of the Chicago Yacht Club the building fund for the new proposed clubbous received a good start.

proposed clubhouse received a good start in having \$6,000 subscribed, and it was thought that the balance of the \$20,000 required would be easily obtained. The members say that as the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, at Toronto, entertained the Chicagoans in a fine clubhouse at the last races in \$500 the defonding play heads to be 1500 the clubhouse at the last races in \$250 the defonding play heads to be 1500 the clubhouse at the last races in \$250 the defonding play heads to be 1500 the clubhouse at the last races in \$250 the defonding play heads to be 1500 the clubhouse at the last races in \$250 the defonding play heads to be 1500 the clubhouse at the last races in \$250 the defonding play heads to the 1500 the clubhouse at the last races in \$250 the defonding play heads to the 1500 the 1 1899, the defending club she ter headquarters than at present for the return entertainment.

ARRIVAL OF THE CAMPANIA.

The Ocean Liner Considerably Damaged by Heavy Seas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-The Cunard line steamer Campania arrived this morning on time from Liverpool and Queenstown. terrific weather reported by other trans Atlantic liners which arrived early in the week, had a strong southwest gale on Deember 17, which caused the steamer some

cember 17, which caused the steamer some trouble. The seas were very heavy and dead ahead.

The enormous power of the seas was observable in the damage caused. Part of the lower rail amidships on the port side was damaged, several port lights broken, the heavy glass of which was cracked and splintered, and some of the plates were dented.

The steamer made 413 knots on the 17th, 452 on the 18th, and 483 on the 19th

452 on the 18th, and 483 on the when the stormy weather substided. Thereafter the vessel and fine weather and ran along at fairly good speed. On December 19 at 8:15 a.m., it passed the American line steamer St. Louis in latitude 48.09, longitude, 41.14. The rival in-ers steamed along to the westward for a long time, but the Campania finally left the St. Louis far behind. The Campania brought a large Christmas mail, consist-ing of 2,039 sacks.

America Can Walk Alone.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)
The United States can protect itself without requiring the assistance of other nations. The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty has outlived its usefulness and nobody on the other side of the Atlantic should feel any particular regret when it is buried.

BOND-INVESTMENT SCHEMES.

Assistant Attorney General Rerrett's Views Regarding Them. Speaking of so-called bond-investment schemes, Harrison J. Barrett, Assistant cial gathering without doing something pecially in the grade of lieutenant com- Attorney General for the Postoffice Deto pay for his entertainment, he would mander and perhaps several in that of partment, said yesterday that he had giv-

propriety which is rather prevalent in some circles of American society. There are people whe, when they give a party, are distinctly unwilling to allow anyone are distinctly unwilling to allow anyone. service of October 9 and a few months later Admiral Sampson gives way also to the ease of the retired list.

In the line there is but one other regular retirement, that of Capt. N. M. Dyer, who commanded the cruiser Baltimore during the Manila Bay fight, and who on his return to this country was presented. unequal advantages to persons similarly situated were eliminated, and the returns promised were such that the proposition could be safely financed out, so that all persistent investors could be reasonably sure of the returns promised, the objections to them would be removed. The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General has selected an eminent New York lawyer to examine and give an opinion upon the feasibility of seven different schemes which were selected as typical of all those before me.

it will be necessary to retire, perhaps, a dozen lieutenant commanders. There is no great injustice worked to this class, however, as all secure the rank and pay of the next higher grade on giving up the service.

Much difference of expert opinion exists regarding the merits of this provision of the act which relegates to the retired list often officers who are capable of performing active duty for many years and creates a pension list that some think the Government should not bear. There seemed no other way, however, of making promotion in the higher grades quicker and surer, although in many instances if each person who participates therein receives a reasonable return upon the amount invested, if others similarly situated receive larger returns as the result of chance, the scheme is within the stat-

When asked whether the auction sale of when asked whether the auction sale of articles accumulated in the Dead Letter Office, which is taking place now, comes within the jurisdiction of this statute, Mr. Barrett sald he had not investigated the matter to enable him to give an opinion on the case. He admitted, however, that as the packages are closed against inspection previous to the sale, the transaction researches a gauge of change and lettery resembles a game of chance and lottery.

A NEW COUNTRY CLUBHOUSE. Baltimore to Have a Structure Cost-

ing Half a Million Dollars. BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.-Another country club is to grace the beautiful landscape just at the boundary of Baltimore

this floor there is to be a conservatory 50 by 125 feet. This will be so arranged as to be open during the summer and be closed with glass during the winter

On the third and fourth floors will be or the third and tourth noors will be so arranged as to be used en suite or lingle and will have luxurious baths. The house will be heated by steam and lighted by electricty. There will be two modern elevators, making access to any part of the house easy. Above the second floor will be a wide promenade part of the house easy. Above the second floor will be a wide promenade giving a full ylew of the surrounding country. Neither expense nor pains is to be spared to make this naturally beautiful location one of the most charming sites in this part of the coun-

"The contract for the clubhouse calls "The contract for the clubhouse calls for \$200,000. The work on the building will be begun at once, with a view to having it completed as early as possible. The drawings have already been completed and estimates for concrete roads through the property have been made. I shall have laid out what I think one of the freet wolf courses in the country. of the ruest golf courses in the country. In ad 18 in to the clubhouse a large stable of ornate design will be erected for the stabling of horses and vehicles for those interested in the club."

STRUCK BY A RUNAWAY CAR.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock in the morning. A party of miners, men and boys, were descending the slope, when suddenly they heard the roar of a runnway car back of them. Most of the miners jumped to the side of the track. Five were struck by the car and hurled many feet. The Miner lads, who were cousins, were instantly killed.

"How this has been accomplished, whether the squeaking is now specially guarded against in some manner or whether it has been largely eliminated as one of the results of the vastly different modern methods of manufacture, or what, I do not know, but certain it is that in these days you don't hear anything like so many squeaky shoes as you once did." instantly killed

IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

The Ship Subsidy bill is wrong to principle and if enacted into law will establish a vicious precedent," said J. A. Wilson, of Boston, at the Raleigh, this morning. "If Congress really wants to build up our merchant marine it will The incident is worthy of attention as linquishing active service during the year typifying a certain unpleasant notion of is Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, sathering information in the service during the past two or three are the business may purchase their ships or have them built in any country in the world, and give them an American registry. This proposition to give a few favored individuals some millions of dol-

> S. H. Thomas, of Columbus, Ohio, a prominent member of the G. A. R., is at the Ebbitt. Speaking of the proposed Memorial Bridge, he said, this morning: "All the old soldiers in the country would rejoice to see the Memorial Bridge idea realized. A bridge of the design suggested across the Potomac to Arlington would be 'a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and it would be a great addition to the National Capital. What if it does cost four or five million dollars? The National Government is rich 'enough to make the expenditure without adding another cent of taxes to the burdens of the people. Last evening I was talking about the Memorial Bridge to a party of gentlemen, when I was informed that the real obstacle to the bridge was the rivalry of stacle to the bridge was the rivalry of several real estate syndicates. I suppose if the people had suffrage in the District they might wield a little inducace, and hasten action on the Memorial Bridge of project."
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> The French forest inspector at Lamur has found and high pressure impervious to water and way of making w be 'a thing of beauty and a joy forever,'

"The Mardi Gras next year will eclipse all of the festivals of the past," said Rep- A PECULIAR RACE IN MEXICO. resentative Davey of Louisiana at Willard's this morning. "The people of New Orleans have even now commenced the preliminary work and the indications are that the city will be crowded as never before. The real reason for the effort to surpass all other Mardi Gras is that the one we have next year will be the first in the Twentieth Century, and our people want it to live in history."

Caused Much Annoyance. (From the New York Sun.)

"This matter may not seem to you, This matter may not seem to you, said the middle-aged man, "one of grave importance, but it appears, nevertheless, to be a fact that there are nowadays not nearly so many squeaky shees worn as there were years ago. There used to be many. Now there are comparatively few. Time and again, for instance, I have seen walking up a church aisle a little late. walking up a church aisle, a little late perhaps, and so alone and all the more conspicuous, a man whose boots squeaked so that the sound of them filled all the church, and the thoughts of every worshiper besides. But he would move noiselessly now noiselessly now. There was a time when people didn't

"There was a time when people didn't object to squeaky shoes; when, in fact, they rather liked them. The squeak proclaimed their degree of newness, for the newest squeaked most, and people didn't object to your'knowing that their shoes were not old and worn out, but new shoes. They used to put into some shoes in those days, between the inner and outer sole, a piece of what was called squeak leather, to make the shoes squeak the more, but commonly the squeaking was caused simply by the chafing of one sole against the ther as the wearer walked. Some of these, though, were mighty good squeakers.

"Later there came a time when soueaky shoes found less favor; when, in fact there were many people who preferred that their shoes should not squeak. This sort of middle period is marked by the appearance in contemporaneous prints of recipes for

Two Boys Killed and Three Men Injured in a Mine.

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The Wagoner Coal Mine, located near Hametown, five miles south of here, was the scene of a frightful accident yesterday, and as a result two boys met their death and three others were badly injured. The killed are Fred Miner, aged fifteen, and Harry Miner, aged thirteen.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock in the morning. A party of miners, men and

MR. CLEVELAND ON SUCCESS.

An Address to the Graduating Class of a Business College.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.-Ex-President leveland delivered an address last night to the members of the graduating class of the Pierce Business College. Governor Stone presided. Mr. Cleveland's theme was "Success." It is a good thing, he said, to start life with the idea that the world owes one a living, but not, of course, as the highwayman considers it. He said:

"The most absurd thing for men or women to do at any time of life is to allow the least approach. men to do at any time of life is to allow the least approach to an idea that because the world owes them a living the world ought to bring it to them. If one can meet difficulties good naturedly, and is strong, steadfast, and hopeful, there is something really bracing and inspiring in a determined attack on obstacles and there ed 200 dolls this year to be distributed among

something realiy bracing and inspiring in a determined attack on obstacles, and there is a definite enjoyment in feeling that for the time being everything is contrary and adverse. I thoroughly enjoyed the days spent in unsuccessful and thresome search for any sor, of konest employment, but in all those days I never had a doubt that the world ewed me a living, and I never abated a perticle from my determination to gain what was coming to me.

"I am Fo impressed with the motive power of a strong will, undaunted perseverance, unfailing courage, rugged self-respect, high aims, an unperverted judgment, and an uncorrupted and incorruptible conscience that I cannot see failure where these are present. Of course there must underly all these an honesty absolutely impervious to templation; honor that he material section is something reality by and there were the section of the poor.

The young women of Vassar College have dressed 209 dolls this year to be distributed among the children of the poor.

Seventy-one degrees below zero was the record low temperature registered by Schwatka on the Great Fish River in Canada.

In the Boston high schools the boys outnumber the primary grades the boys outnumber the power of a strong will, undaunted perseverance, unfailing courage, rugged self-respect, high aims, an unperverted judgment, and he fined the driver of a mail team for fast driving.

It is planned to extablish in Boston a day nursery for blind labies who are not received in the material service of the poor.

A letter from Theodore Parker, the famous United States and the service of the poor.

A letter from Theodore Parker, the famous Carke, with marginal comments by the latter, was recently sold in Boston.

White Indians Said to Be Descendants of Welshmen.

(From Scientific American.) For more than 100 years the question whether there existed in America a tribe of white Indians has been agitated, and

before. The real reason for the effort to surpass all other Mardi Gras is that the sore we have next year will be the dirst in the Twentisth Century, and our people want is to live in history."

Representative Dancey will leave for home this evening.

Ex-Representative James Belford of Colorado, known throughout the country as "That the legend of a white race had a basis in fact is proved by six individuals at the live of the Record of the Sean of these who have visit the sevening.

Ex-Representative James Belford of Colorado, known throughout the country as "The Ref Rooster of the Rocky Mountians," is at the Riggs for a few days. He is here on private business. Mr. Belford looks as young as he did when in Congress over, a decade ago.

Cel. David H. Colson, of London, Ky., is at the National. Colonel Colson was a member of the Fifty-fifth Congress and resigned his seat at the breaking out of the war with Spain in order to raise a regiment and go to the front. He is here as an applicant for the office of Internal kevenue Collector of the Eighth Collection district made vacant by the appointment of Mr. Yerkes to the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

EXYMPERICAL THE PROPERTY OF A D., on account of the walless white swere the descendants of Prince Madoc of Wales, who, according to the author was sure the long-sought white was bid face or the subject of the men would be found. In his own mind these whites were the descendants of Prince Madoc of Wales, who, according to the author was said this morning that Colonel Colson of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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To those who have seen these curious freaks they give the impression at first that they are Irishmen dressed as In-dians, for their faces have a decidedly Celtic cast. The only way, however, in which they differ from other members of the tribe is the absence of coloring matter in the skin and hair. The cause of this abbinoism has not been determined; it may be due to close intermarriage within the family, an inevitable result of the social system of the pueblos and their organ, ration under the clan or gens sys-

CURRENT HUMOR.

No Space to Waste (From the Indianapolis Press.)
"What ten books would you take if y
pass the rest of your life on a desert is to pass the rest of your life on a desert island?
"Oh, I wouldn't take books at all. I'd take things to eat.

There Are Others. (From the Atchison Globe.) The only thing a certain deceased Atchison m wer did was to furnish an item for a newspar eporter when he died.

(From the Indianapolis Press.)
"How stale that fellow's jokes are," said the
nan at the show.
"Yes," said the manager, apologetically, "but
consider how fresh he is himself."

How About Men?

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

It would make poor Richard himself weep to a he painful efforts of some women who are tryin o make a little Christmas money go a long way. (From the Brooklyn Life.)

Dr. Probe—I guess that Peterby doesn't intend to pay his bill this yeur.

Mrs. Probe—What makes you think so?

"I just got a Christmas present from him this norning." Courteously Sidetracked

A Soldier's Wit. Visitor-Why are you walking up and down are? Soldier-Pm on sentry duty. Visitor-Why don't you sit down? Soldier-Because I am part of t

NOTES OF THE DAY.

A goat gives a quart of milk daily and lives ten The sun earth, and stars are all made of the

Nearly 75,000 tons of corks are needed for the bottled beer and aerated waters consumed annually in Britain.

as Macaulay calls him, is still as turbulent at times as "in the brave days of old." The over-flowing of his banks has just cost modern Rome \$7,500,000.

Cincinnati is figuring on a plan for a permanent exposition. The building is to be fireproof and ten stories high. It is for an attraction for out-siders and a benefit for home merchants and man-ulacturers.

The Fayal mine, located at Eveleth, Minn., has

losing their grip on the workingmen. He says that an eight years' study of social conditions in Glasgow has revealed to him much activity among the wage-carners in the East End churches for their fellows, and that were it not for the working classes of Glasgow the evangelical tone of religious life in the city could not be kept up a week. The annual day of humiliation and pray The annual day of numination and prayer day just been observed, according to long established custom, in Prussia, and a good many of the Berlin newspapers take occasion to print articles upon the recent deterioration in public morality. They assert that the rapid industrial development of the country and the corresponding improvement in the financial condition of the country lawe resulted in an alarming growth of social evils and abuses.

Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht, of the University of Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, has just added another to his many discoveries in the archaeology of Bahvion. He has uncovered a library of 17,000 tables which belonged to the great Temple of Nippu, one of the oldest seats of religion and civilization in Babylonia. For ten years the University of Pennsylvania has been excavating the ruins of ancient Babylon, and its collection of those antiquities is the finest of its kind in the world.

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In the Behring Straits Russia and America shake hands. Big Diomede Island and Little Diomede stand side by side, the former Russia's outpost, the other our own. A little sirip of narrow sea lies between the two, and so clear is the air on a fair day that it seems as if from one island you could easily reach across a hand to the other. North, across Kotzeine Sound, is Point, Hope, a barrea sand spit, extending far into the Arctic Sea. It is the home of a tribe of Eskimos.

The sleeping of fishes, if they may properly be said to have such a habit, is as yet a puzzle. It is said to have such a habit, is as yet a puzzle. It is altogether probable that they do sleep, though they never close their eyes, simply for the reason that they have no cyclids. Probably many fishes slumber while saviaming in the water, reducing the exercise of their fins to an automatic mini-mum. But it would be a mistake to suppose that a fish does its sleeping at night necessarily. On the contrary, many species are nocturnal in habit, feeding in the night time.

All but about a seventh part of Africa is included in the "sphere of influence" of one or cluded in the "sphere of influence" of one or another of the European Powers. The French lead off the list with the largest "sphere." This includes 3,700,000 square miles—which is about the size of Europe itself—out of a total of 11,900,000. England, when we count the Boer Stafes, comes next, with 2,300,500. Then Germany, Belgium, which has the Compo Free State, and Portugal follow in the order named, each, however, having something a little less than a million square miles.